



## **News Release**

### **Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility**

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### **For Immediate Release**

## **ANCDF RESUMES ROCKET PROCESSING**

**ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala., Feb. 5, 2004** – Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) workers resumed M55 chemical rocket disposal operations at about noon today.

Operations at the ANCDF were temporarily suspended following an agent reading in a Munitions Demilitarization Building (MDB) observation corridor under engineering controls yesterday. A team of ANCDF employees has performed an initial review as to what happened. The agent reading was not the result of rocket disposal operations. The agent reading happened after two employees had completed some maintenance work in an agent contaminated room and after those employees had exited an agent decontamination room.

Based on the initial review, ANCDF employees are now using other areas of the plant while yesterday's event is evaluated further. ANCDF employees were never threatened yesterday and no agent was released to the environment.

As of 6:30 tonight, the ANCDF team has safely processed another 72 rockets today and approximately 84 gallons of GB. The total number of chemical rocket destroyed now stands at 17,991. The amount of agent destroyed is now 19,521 gallons (177,438 pounds) of liquid GB. The agent in the 72 rockets was processed in the Deactivation Furnace.

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